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GENTLEMEN OF THE GUARD.

PHAT is the matter with the officers of the National Guard? As to the merits of the controversy now raging between Major-General O'Ryan and former Major-General Verbeck we do not pretend to decide. One thing is plain: Each year from high official circles of the National Guard leak out increasing evidences of jealousy, bitterness and wrangling over who shall wear most gold lace. Such childish and unmilitary bickerings are unworthy S officers, unworthy of the Guard itself.

The rank and file of the National Guard are earnest, hard-working, alert, obedient young men who perform diligently what is required of them and hold themselves subject to call. Why can't their officers emulate them, try to be a credit to them? Have these glittering gentlemen-at-arms so little to do that their minds fill up with envy, jealousy and spite? Have they no occupation but intrigue?

The National Guard is entitled to better leadership. If this sort of thing is to continue, the State would do well to turn the whole organization over to the National Government to be put in the hands of commissioned officers of the regular army who have some notion of the dignity, responsibility and self-discipline of military command.

LEARNING TO DEAL WITH MURDERERS

THE unusual record of convictions reported by District-Attorney Whitman's homicide bureau for last year includes thirteen convictions for murder in the first degree, more than twice as many as in any other twelvemonth during the last ten years. Of fifty homicide cases which came into court, forty-three resulted in convictions.

These figures balance hopefully against the statement on the other hand that gang murders are on the increase and that they form a large part of unselved homicides. The hardest case to prepare is the sort where a group of gunmen lounge into the neighborhood of their victim and open a fusillade, one of their number having been picked out in advance as the sharpshooter who shall fire the telling shots. It is almost impossible to fix the shooting on the right man. In fact, the gunmen have taken a hint from certain kinds of hig business: Form a corporation, jump on 'em all together, and leave 'em to fix the blame. If they can't pick the guilty man we all go free.

Note, however, that last year for the first time in the history of this county four men charged with murder were put on trial together and convicted. Nine men were convicted of three murders. We seem to be finding a way to deal with crime corporations.

THE BOTTOM OF THE CLASS.

THE news that a British royal princeling stood sixty-fourth in his school examination in a class of sixty-five may be cheering to youngeters generally and even prove a balm to the wounded pride of fond parents. The English newspapers are to be congratulated upon offering no excuses and drawing no conclusions save that the examiners were "evidently completely impartial." We hope august papa and mamma took the catastrophe in the same spirit. When the hopeful son of the family hereabouts comes home with the baleful zero, the hard heart of the teacher, the incompetence of the school system, and the political depravity of the city are all too often invoked to account for it. A small share of the effort expended in explaining why Johnny failed applied to convincing him nat he mustn't do it again, would do much for his character and parts. We shall be delighted to learn what they hid to the prince.

THE HUMAN HEART AT ITS HARDEST

HE steamer that played its searchlight on three shipwrecked boys in a battered boat flying signals of distress only to Mrs. Clara Mudridge-Smith waved her steam away leaving the unfortunate heatland in the death steam away, leaving the unfortunate boatload in the dark- playful admonition. ness a hundred miles at sea, may yet find itself in a blazing scarcislight of contempt and shame. Due effort will be made to learn

The captain who deliberately sails away from human beings in cried. But her elderly husband was not deadly peril, even though his conscience be of the sort that lets him present now. sleep nights after such an act, deserves his punishment from the dropped in' on Mrs. Jarr to make the opinion of his fellow men. He is only a few shades less a dastard than the captain who runs down a smaller boat and sneaks away as with scart to match. fast as he can. The same kind of craven on land speeds his automobile Clara Mudridge-Smith had sables, REAL prior to the holidays was the work human much that has been a HARDpast his own or another's victim lying helpless in the road. More sables. terrible still to abandon a fellow creature in the lonely wastes of always spoke about them. When she

Refusing to save life when only an outstretched hand is needed is about the lowest level human nature touches. To such as turned their backs on drowning men, mankind, though it might punish in no other way, has always measured out its full contempt.

Letters From the People

owns the news-stands on the Brook-

Penders for Autos? the Editor of The Breaks World: Your recent editorial under the cap-

"The Terror of the Road," was writer) wanted to know where the catch was. Well, the problem says "three-fifths of the piece cost \$1,200, and how much motion the advisability of a law compelling fruck motors and gleanure care to have the like a set to me the set of the piece cost \$1,200, and how much would two pieces cost." You first much find out the cost of one piece. If \$2.5 of the piece cost \$1,200, the would seem that the cost of the piece cost \$1,200, and how much find out the cost of one piece. If \$2.5 of the piece cost \$1,200, the co

have safeguards, as their operations To the Editor of The Evening World:

An order was issued forbidding highways at one and the same time, not emoking on all cars, elevated trains confining their operations to the centre of the thoroughfare. A law making it of the thoroughfare. and platforms. That's well and good, of the thoroughfare. A law making it Then, why does the B. R. T., which mandatory to attach a fender to automobiles in the years gone by would have passengers? Why should it tempt and would have resulted in a less num-passengers on the trains by offering them tobacco fer sale at the stations? THOMAS ALLEN. lyn stations, sell cigars and tobacco to been the means of saving many lives

opinions on this subject.

EDWARD J. RYAN. The "Three-fifths Problem."

To the Editor of The Evening World:

In answer to a problem which read
"If three-fifths of a piece of land cost \$1,290, how much will two such places cover all phases of reck-elle driving. While on this writer) wanted to know where the catch Why Not?

By Maurice Ketten



Smith, looked pretty policy what?

Mrs. Jarr w. Chara was this.

II. JAKR had begged to be ex-

cused, he had forgotten to mail

an important letter, he said.

'Oh, you men! You dreadtul, forget-

pectally young men. To her elderly

liatter ache with envy at sight of the aforesaid ermine and moleckin muft.

When she wasn't wearing them she

did wear them the other women spoke

Still, as Mrs. Jarr or Mrs. Rangle

might have the finest things

that elusive smartness they term

men, however, all thought the

could have told you, Clara Mudridge-

money could buy, but money will not

Wrong Diagnosis.

Mrs. Mudridge-Smith had

fut creatures!" she cried archly.

some one-well, never mind who-had Smith saving to Mrs. Jarr: what's the use to may anything? So Mr. Jarr was going out to mail a Here was something interesting for

ridge-Smith said that even with a mail flop he'd better stick around.

The monorist became arguer and shorter still lived, her maid often forgot to mail her Jarr replied plaintively. "Besides, it is ping to be some special public cere
The monorist became arguer and shorter still "I'd be swift glad if you'd tell me lived, her maid often forgot to mail her Jarr replied plaintively. "Besides, it is ping to be some special public cere
The monorist became arguer and shorter still "I'd be swift glad if you'd tell me prisoner really stole the watch,"—Ges

Mr. Jarr's on the Track of a Dark and Baffling Domestic Mystery.

wasn't that she, Mrs. Mudridge-Smith, dren and stuck in the house as much Smith, looked pretty flossy at all times- had invited her on the telephone when, as I am-and, to be truthful with you, at the last moment, she feared there without the means to flop-how can would be thirteen at the table, as that I flop?" Clara was chic, but still there was some- spiteful Mrs. Stryver had inferred. "Your taste will teach you." replied

lacking. Clara hadn't the grand During these remarks and these re-the visiting young matron. "I slways Yes, speaking as a friend, one flections Mr. Jarr's get-away to Gus's did say that you have more style than must be frank. Mrs. Jarr would say looked clear and easy, but as he fum- any woman I ever met. You lend disthat poor Clars, while "smart," just bled at the hat rack in the hall he tinction to the simplest things. You lacked that distinctive elegance that if heard the voice of Clara Mudridge- can flop if you want to, and you know "But, my dear, you've got to flop! You

tight to the hat rack. Where was the really must!"

letters, and that was why Mrs. Jarr all right for you, going in society and mony she was expected to participate hadn't gotten the invitation to the din- to clubs and all that sort of thing. They in? ner in time, a few nights before, and it look to you for it. But with two chil-

The "Woman's Movement" and Just What It Means.

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lea's greatest fiwith humanity.

These are splendid do so.

Very often, however, it is the worth-

Yet, of her own volition, with the But to-day we are confronted with the energy born of DESIRE TO DO FOR splendid spectacle of these women

"So you're going to marry again? perous "friend of a friend" could take circling the realms of humans. I thought you said your heart was exception to. And in this attitude she Thus, it is not fair to deery continu-broken!"

and her associates acted on a theory ally the rich. But rather WELCOME

daughter of Amer-ica's greatest fi-ing work of the rich woman. Contrary nancier, in her CLOSER everyday. There is a uni-mission of help versal undercurrent of brotherhood and

on the east side, of The woman of wealth to-day is a most the nurse in the active factor in the progress of the home of the needy, world's work. She rubs elbows with her of the Salvationist bread-winning sister, and finds it to her who gives alms, advantage and SATISFACTION to

dr everyday ex- through some measure that will benefit istence. It is COMMENDABLE, to say many. It is an EVERYDAY occur-

In former years the woman with much hear Mr. Jarr go out set! while means of livelihood, a part of the money at her command was a secluded, daily bread winning process. But with protected product, whose idea of charity vate hall, but Mr. Jarr slipped out and Ann Morgan it is different. She could was summed up in a check for a hospiwas gone. But all the time he was at have spent the six weeks prior to tal or for an orphan asylum or the send-Christmas in case and comfort and ing of baskets to the poor by servants pleasure in the position of a daughter at Christmas time, or any other indirect wondered. What was the great flop

self setting an EXAMPLE of not giving tending to reach out to every other sisneedlessly put a stamp of approval on ter of wealth and create an endless the S. P. U. G. idea which no less pros- chain of endeavor that must go on en-

stitute auto bus lines for all the horse traction lines existing in the

wife of his bosom going to flop? If she

It ran through Mr. Jarr's mind that

one couldn't tell what the women would

be up to next. Here they had just

hiked to Albany in the cause of Equal

Suffrage; even though, to his thinking, hiking to Albany got them nowhere

But what was this floppery? He must

those things," Mr. Jarr heard his reply. "You flop- Of course Mrs. Stryver can't, and Mrs. Rangle can't

"No, Clara, I really think I am past

either, and I guess I don't want to. No. I don't think I'll flop this year. It will

be but a passing thing, anyway."

be but a passing thing, anyway."

"Don't you believe that!" cried Mrs.

Mudridge-Smith earnestly, "Every
woman who can flop will flop. If you
are unmarried you flop, but all the

younger matrons will flop. Surely, you

your air and your figure you've simply

whimpered Mrs. Jarr. "You, with charge

the new fishtails and everything. But

how can I afford to flop if I wanted

"You know as well as I do, that it's

"S-s-s-h" said Mrs. Jarr. "I didn't

What was the great flop

And she arose to peek down the pri-

Horse and Auto.

HE Government of Wurtemburg Germany, is taking steps to sub-

not what one has to have but wha

one can do without, and"-

counts everywhere and able to afford

listen and learn more

GOT to flop."

man automobile constructors to order to secure their co-operation in the enterprise, and bids will no doubt be called for in the near future. At

MOTORY STATE

ALBERTYSONHU that it was the "District of Wa ton"-the first place, by the wa; Country. Still earlier it was a part of Carolina. It was a region where only the est could hope to survive. And it won tep of its progress by bloody warfare.

A little North Carolina colony crossed Pennessee in 1754, attracted by the beauty richness of the new land. This colony promptly driven away, with terrible losses, by the Indians. A second of North Carolinians tried the same sort of experiment three years I Indians besieged their half-built village, but promised to spare the

But still another colony came from North Carolina in 1769, and, under Sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and James Robertson, managed to gain a footheld in the hostile sevier and the sevier and

nists if the latter would depart at once from Tennessee. Relying o

pledge of the savages, the ploneers set out on their homeward journey the wilderness, and as soon as they were clear of their defenses the

hardship, the new settlement, pavertheless, held its and prospered. Under the name of the District of for Life. ion in 1776 Tennessee acquired some sort of rude tion. But it soon returned to the government of the State and was known as "Washington County, N. C." Then, in 1784, 1 statehood under the name of "Franklin" and was for four years a State

ing in 1788 to North Carolina's rule. tect them nor give them justice. In 1790 Tennesses was ceded to the Government under the title of "The territory of the United States sou career had at last begun. It took its name from the Tennes. see" being the local Indian word for "carved epoon."

From the beginning Tennesseeans were warriors. In every war try they have made a splendid showing. They battled in the Rev bulk of Andrew Jackson's little army that annihilated the

In the Mexican war so many more Tennesseeans volunteered for services were called for as to give rise to the nickname "Volunteer State." war 115,000 of Tennessee's sons fought for the Confederacy and 81,000 Union armies. It was a State divided against itself, and was not only the secede but the first to be readmitted to the Union.

Tennessee next to Virginia was the chief theatre of war du conflict. One historian computes that no less than 456 and skirmishes were fought on its soil. It escaped the pet bag" regime of the early 70's, but the war and of reconstruction well nigh halted fits advance to a

importance until 1880, since when its progress ing and manufacture has been rapid and steady. The State sent three Presidents to Washington-Andrew Jackson, Ja Polk and Andrew Johnson, According to some chroniclers Memphis was spot at which De Soto in the sixteenth century discovered the Mississippi

The Day's Good Stories

Mike Amazed.

scalping and tomahawaing and mordering."

The next evening, after dinner, as the mother entertained in the parter her daughter's young man, Tommy rushed down stairs wide-eyed with

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types, with a She will talk publicly, argue with law-worthy work in makers and spend entitiess energy to put

means of philanthropy.

OTHERS, this time was spent in re- SIMILAR positions going right into the maining in an office, giving advice, call- hovel of the unfertunate, studying the ing conferences, talking to anybody who conditions of things, getting at the root was lonely and in every way trying to of the need and putting forth ceaseless conserve the energy and earnings of effort in this, that or the other folks who might be called upon to give CHANGE that will alleviate distress or country, and it is now engaged in from their small store NEEDLESSLY. unsatisfactory conditions.

and her associates acted on a theory ally the rich. But rather WELCOME present the department has not made "Oh, I guess it was just sprained.", which became a practice and promises the coming of more Ann Morgana.

The very fact of this rich women her- The example set by such women is The department has already entered

any definite decision in the matter.